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SUBJECT: GUYANA DELEGATION TO IBA MEETING

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1. FONOFF INFORMS US GOG DELEGATION TO IBA MEETING GEORGETOWN AS FOLLOWS: LEADER OF DELEGATION HUBERT O. JACK, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES; PATTERSON A. THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN, GUYANA BAUXITE COMPANY (GUYBAU); C.J. BARKER, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES; DUKE POLLARD, LEGAL COUNSELOR, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; MRS. V. PERRY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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2. HUBERT JACK, AS DEPT IS AWARE PLAYS KEY ROLE IN CURRENT

REYNOLDS TAX/NATIONALIZATION ISSUE. HE LED GOG DELEGATION TO CONARKY IN FEBRUARY. JACK IS BASICALLY REASONABLE AND CAREFUL THINKER, BUT

WILL MOST LIKELY TAKE STRONG ANTI-BUYER POSITION IN VIEW OF DOMESTIC IMPERATIVES. ALTHOUGH CURRENT SOUNDINGS HERE INDICATE THRUST OF MEETINGS WILL BE BASICALLY ADMINISTRATIVE, GOG REPS WILL NO DOUBT STRESS PRIVATELY QUESTION OF JOINT PRICING ARRANGEMENTS, BAUXITE LEVY, AND EFFECTIVE NATIONAL CONTROL OF THE RESOURCE. PATTERSON THOMPSON, FORMER GOG UN AMBASSADOR, IS ONE OF SEVERAL CANDIDATES TO REPLACE FONMIN RAMPHAL, SHOULD LATTER TAKE UP OTHER POSITION (SECRETARY GENERAL OF BRITISH COMMONWEALTH). AS HEAD OF LARGE GOG-OWNED BAUXITE/ALUMINA COMPANY, HE HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY, HAS CONTACTS IN EASTERN EUROPE, PRC, AND USSR. HE TOO ATTENDED CONAKRY CONFERENCE, AS DID DUKE POLLARD. BARKER IS CAREER CIVIL SERVANT AND WILL PLAY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ROLE AT CONFERENCE. MRS. V. PERRY IS FRENCH LANGUAGE INTERPRETER.

3. CONFERENCE WILL BE OPENED MONDAY NOVEMBER 4 BY PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM ADDRESS. IN SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS DETAILS OF SECRETARIAT ORGANIZATION WILL BE IRONED OUT. ONE SUBSTANTIVE MATTER GOG MOST LIKELY TO RAISE IS BAUXITE PRICING MECHANISM WHICH PRESENTS PROBLEM FOR GUYANA BECAUSE MAJOR PORTION OF PRODUCTION (ALL AFTER REYNOLDS IS NATIONALIZED) IS SOLD AT ARMS LENGTH, WHILE OTHER CLUB MEMBERS REPRESENT PART OF VERTICALLY INTEGRATED INDUSTRY OR ARE PARTIALLY END PRODUCT EXPORTERS THEMSELVES. THE PROBLEM THIS CREATES FOR GUYANA IS THAT AFTER IT HAS COMPLETELY NATIONALIZED THE BAUXITE/ALUMINA INDUSTRY, LEVYING WILL NO LONGER BE DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO THIS COUNTRY'S INTERESTS, WHILE OTHERS WILL JUST BE GETTING INTERESTED IN THE IDEA. GUYANA IS FACED WITH POLITICALLY INADMISSIBLE FACT THAT JAMAICAN STYLE LEVY APPLIED AGAINST GUYBAU, WERE IT OWNED BY A TRANSNATIONAL, WOULD EARN FOR MORE IN FOREIGN RESERVES THAN STATE-OWNED COMPANY NOW RETURNS TO GOG.

4. SERVICE REQUEST- WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT INFORM US OF THOSE POSTS WHICH WE SHOULD INFO ON FURTHER IBA-GEORGETWN MESSAGES. KREBS

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